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a center having a database which stores a photographic printing condition used for producing a photographic print at each photographic processing apparatus installed in each of said photographic processing sites that are connected to said center via a communication line,

wherein said photographic printing condition used for producing said photographic print at a previous printing at each of said photographic processing sites is sent to the database therefrom and then stored in the database, and said photographic printing condition is determined for each original image and set for one original image to achieve coincidence in color or density finishing of photographic prints reproduced from said one original image at the time of said later printing and said previous printing.

Claim 2. (Previously Amended): The system according to claim 1, wherein said previously printing is an initial printing.

Claim 3. (Previously Amended): The system according to claim 1, wherein, when each of said photographic processing sites which has received a request for later printing inquires the database in said center as to whether said photographic printing condition at said previous printing corresponding to the request for the later printing is stored therein or not and obtains said photographic printing condition if stored, the request for the later printing is processed using said photographic printing condition.

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Claim 4. (Original): The system according to claim 3, wherein said later printing is reprint.

Claim 5. (Original): The system according to claim 1, wherein said photographic printing condition stored in the database in said center is erased after a predetermined period of time has passed.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended): A remote photographic processing system, comprising: a plurality of different photographic processing sites, each having a photographic processing apparatus; and

a center having a database which stores a photographic printing condition of each photographic processing apparatus installed in each of said photographic processing sites that is connected to said center via a communication line,

wherein said photographic printing condition which is obtained when previous printing has been performed at each of said photographic processing sites and then sent to the database therefrom is stored in the database, [and] a print with said photographic printing condition can be obtained by access to said center from any of said photographic processing sites connected to said center via the communication line, and said photographic printing condition is determined for each original image and set for one original image to achieve coincidence in color or density finishing of photographic prints reproduced from said one original image at the time of said later printing and said previous printing.

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Claim 7. (Previously added): The system according to claim 6, wherein said previous printing is an initial printing.

Claim 8. (Previously added): The system according to claim 6, wherein, when each of said photographic processing sites receives a request for later printing, and then queries the database in said center as to whether said photographic printing condition at said previous printing corresponding to the request for the later printing is stored therein and obtains said photographic printing condition if stored, the request for the later printing is processed using said photographic printing condition.

Claim 9. (Previously added): The system according to claim 8, wherein said later printing is a reprint.

Claim 10. (Previously added): The system according to claim 6, wherein said photographic printing condition stored in the database in said center is erased after a predetermined period of time has passed.